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BANQUET PLANS WELL UNDER WAY

Y. M. C. A. Announces Complete List of Speakers for Its Annual Affair.

ROUSING TIME IS PROMISED

PREPARATIONS for the Annual Banquet of the George Washington University Y. M. C. A., on April 13, in the banquet hall of the Association building, 1736 G Street N. W., are going merrily on. The advance ticket sale is rather promising, although so far ahead of time, and a number of men have signified their intention of buying tickets later. The indications are that the banquet will be quite a University affair in both spirit and composition, and an enjoyable function for all who are so fortunate as to attend.

EPICUREAN DAINTIES ON MENU.

The gastronomic composition of the affair, as was indicated in the last issue of the NEWS, comprises in itself a treat for the gods—or for college students. At the start, the appetite, no matter how capricious, will be tickled with an oyster cocktail. Beef broth a l'Anglaise and baked trout will continue the seductive process, and whet hunger to a knife-edge to meet the piece de resistance, luscious spring lamb, garnished with green peas. Before those endearing young charms what heart so strong as to resist, what sensibilities so blunted as to fail to respond? Let gourmands sigh with anticipatory longing; the realization is no less charming than the expectation. Let vegetarians come to scoff; they will remain to pray.

The star feature of this aggregation of good things will be supported by a no less able company. Steaming vegetables, pommis chateau, to the after-dinner cup, all of the viands will be meet companions for even so choice a dish as delicate spring lamb. A rare treat is in store for all who are present.

PRESIDENT AND DEANS TO SPEAK.

The banquet will be quite a University affair in every sense. The speakers are, with one exception, all from the University, and need no introduction to the student body at large. President Stockton has kindly given his consent to deliver the principal address of the evening. He will be followed by Deans Wilbur, Hodgkins, and Lorenzen, and the presence of Dean Munroe is hoped for. We have all heard some or all of these speakers, and there is no doubt that they are decidedly worth hearing. Mr. Cooper, who has charge of the student work of the Y. M. C. A., will

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CREDIT FOR DEBATING WORK

Arguments for the Adoption of Such a Scheme Urged in Open Letter.

To the Editor of The News.
DEAR SIR:

I TRUST you will not think it strange in me to address an unsigned letter to you. My sole purpose in doing so is to have my proposition discussed and disposed of strictly on its merits. Not that I think that my signature is of such consequence as to carry conviction with it, unaided. Nor yet that I fear that whatever I may subscribe to, will be summarily dismissed. What I have to say is good or bad, feasible or foolish, independently of any personal considerations. It is for these reasons that I have omitted my signature from the end of this letter.

Your readers are well aware by this time that this academic year has seen very little of real accomplishment in the way of student activities. It is, therefore, not necessary for me to review the year's activities, or rather inactivities. The special student interest about which I want to say a few things is debating.

DEBATING IS ON THE DECLINE.

It is a well known fact that in previous years George Washington has had three debating societies, one College society and two Law School societies. While it is true that these societies have not at all times been flourishing successes, yet I take it no one will question that never before has there been so little interest shown in this feature of student life. One of the societies has died a more or less lingering death, and the other two are barely able to exist.

NOT AN EDUCATIONAL MISSTEP.

Now it seems to me that this is a most critical situation and one that calls loudly for a remedy. A University of more than eleven hundred students should certainly be able to support three good debating societies. And furthermore, debating is a form of student activity that has a true educational value, and a large one, too. This I think is unquestionable. Granting this it seems but right that some scheme be devised by means of which it will be possible for the student body to maintain efficient debating organizations.

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OUR CONSULAR GRADUATES

The Career of Mr. Clarence A. Miller, American Consul at Tampico, Mexico.

EVERY Alumnus is interested in following the fortunes of the University; every undergraduate is interested in following the careers of the Alumni. This last is especially true when the careers are set in that fascinating sphere vaguely known as "public life," and the interest attains to enthusiasm when the Alumnus achieves distinction in his chosen profession.

It is purposed to present in these columns a series of articles dealing with the fortunes of those of our Alumni who are now serving their country as consuls. The present article concerns one who is reflecting great credit on his Alma Mater—Mr. Clarence A. Miller, LL. M., M. Dip., American Consul at Tampico, Mexico. Mr. Miller made an excellent record at George Washington as a student and as a debater. He received the degree of Master of Laws in 1905, Master of Diplomacy in 1906, and will receive the degree of Doctor of Civil Law this year upon completion of a thesis on "The Consular Service." He passed in the first consular class under the new reorganization, and, if the writer's memory serves him well, was sixth among thirteen that passed out of about two hundred who took the examination.

The following summary of Consul Miller's career is from the official biography of consuls:

SURVEY OF MR. MILLER'S CAREER.

"Born September 13, 1877; attended grammar, high, and Kansas City Law schools and George Washington University; in Third Missouri Volunteer Regiment in 1898; engaged in the practice of law, 1899-1903; private secretary to state senator 1901-1903; employed under the Bureau of Pensions 1903-4; employed under the Department of Commerce and Labor 1904-7; appointed, after examination (March 14, 1907) Consul at Matamoras August 15, 1907; promoted to Consul at Tampico, January 1, 1910."

The consulate at Tampico pays a salary of \$3,000 per annum, and is fifth in size in the country, the only larger ones being Mexico City, Monterey, Vera Cruz, and Guadalajara. The following information is obtained, not from text books and Government reports, but at first hand by special communication from the Consul to the writer.

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DOLLAR PRINCESS A GREAT SUCCESS

Theatre Benefit Enjoyable to Spectators and Profitable for Hospital.

CRITICISM OF THE COMEDY

A SECOND success for the University was achieved on the night of March 20th, when the second G. W. U. theatre benefit of the season was given at the New National. This time it was the Board of Lady Managers of the University Hospital who planned and promoted the affair; and the first night of "The Dollar Princess" drew an audience as large and as brilliant as that which attended the first night of "Becky Sharp." Coming so close upon the heels of the former benefit performance, a second one might have seemed slightly risky. But the event justified the experiment and the handsome sum of \$1,014 was netted for the Hospital. One is tempted to wish that it might be possible to establish these benefits as a regular means of securing money for the University. There would be little chance of failure if for every occasion a piece could be secured as good as "The Dollar Princess."

MUSIC IS DECIDEDLY PLEASING.

It is hard to see how "The Dollar Princess" could be improved upon as a musical comedy. The music, to begin with, is as good as anything of the kind outside of Offenbach. It is catchy without being cheap and voluptuous without being vicious. Its best themes are repeated often enough to be remembered, yet not so often as to be tiresome. It is so light and sparkling, so pleasantly exhilarating, and so free from any ill after effects that one wonders how it ever got over from Germany without a prohibitory protective duty.

In the second place "The Dollar Princess" has something that resembles a plot and even—wonderful in a musical comedy—characters fairly within the range of human possibility and distinctly individualized, so that in places one finds oneself interested in them and in the story. As to costumes, scenery and stage management, of course, the piece left nothing to be desired. The name of Frohman is a guarantee of that.

DETAILED CRITICISM OF THE CAST.

It is not finding much fault with the cast to say that they didn't all come up to the level of their opportunities. If they had done so, they would have been paragons beyond praise. Daisy LeHay, the English actress, who took the title role, sings well and her acting brings out

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the imperious and shrewish temper of the heroine. Perhaps a little more snap and vivacity—a faster pace—would better suit an American conception of the part. More speed in this part, however, might have lessened the effective contrast between the "Dollar Princess" and her cousin Daisy, into which role so much animation was infused by little Carroll McComas. Donald Brian, the star of "The Merry Widow," has not quite voice enough for Freddy, but his dancing is really wonderful. The dancing of all the principals was, indeed, another delightful feature of the performance, in which, to paraphrase the old joke of the clown, the next song was always a dance. In this particular the cast did live quite up to its opportunities and, in fact, created new ones.

There was plenty of fun, in the making of which Albert Hart, as the impecunious Tom Cowder, and Will West, as Tartaroff, the circus man, were leaders. Hart is a good-looking giant with a sonorous baritone voice. He made a hit with his song about the peculiar "Souvenirs" presented to him by the ladies, and his paroxysms of mirth when the joke was on the other fellow were absurdly laughable. Will West, in addition to his clever song, "Truly Rural," had some of the most amusing lines in the piece. His remark after tasting the contents of the decanter: "Here, take it and put it back in the lamp;" his melancholy "You may not know it, but you've spoilt my evening;" his appalling task of "massaging the porcupine," are the sort of things one tells the folks at breakfast the morning after the show and at length repeats without quotation marks, if one has the nerve.

ORCHESTRA PERFORMS WELL.

The orchestra should have a share of commendation for its excellent work. And a word is due to the typewriter. Whether the typewriter is to be classed as an instrument of the orchestra, or as a person of the drama, it played an important part. The typewriter and the telephone in the modern drama are as essential as the swords and pistols and stage coaches of the old fashioned melodrama.

Political Science Notes.

What is a "coffee cooler" and a "roughneck?" Professor Swisher has not as yet come to any conclusion as to the distinction.

The resignation from the State Department of Dr. James Brown Scott, Professor of International Law and Diplomacy in this College, has been announced. Dr. Scott will devote himself exclusively to his duties as Secretary of the Carnegie Peace Commission.

Professor McNemar subjected himself to an interview regarding the Chicago mayoralty race. The Professor is especially interested in the coming election, inasmuch as the Republican candidate, Prof. C. E. Merriam, famous as a political scientist, is one of his former teachers. He expressed the opinion that if elected, Professor Merriam's election would be only after "the hot-

test kind of a fight," due to the powerful influence behind Ex-Mayor Carter H. Harrison, his Democratic opponent.

The Faculty is getting the "out-of-town" habit. This time it was Professor Moore, who hid himself away to parts unknown, leaving a trail of examination questions behind him.

Poor, much-abused harem skirt. It's not enough that many of the female sex are set against it, but Professor Kern must needs take a sly dig at it by affirming before his Economics class that some women dress so that they cannot be recognized from the other sex.

Review of Admiral Stockton's Book.

The following review of Admiral Stockton's book, "Manual of International Law for the Use of Naval Officers," appeared in the issue of *The Nation*, for March 16th:

In his Manual of International Law for the use of Naval Officers, (the Naval Institute, Annapolis), Admiral C. H. Stockton has performed a real feat of condensation. His thirteen chapters do not extend beyond 270 pages (excluding appendices), yet within that space he is able for practical purposes to cover the whole field. The latest leading cases have not escaped his notice, and what he has to say about the Declaration of London—he himself, we believe, was one of the United States delegates to the naval conference which drew it up—is especially pertinent and illuminating. His little book is, in a word, most serviceable, and might be placed in the hands of newspaper writers and Congressmen to as good advantage as in those of naval officers. The work makes no pretence of being an original contribution; it follows the authorities; but it is a model of brief and clear and accurate statement.

Junior College Class Notes.

Mr. Baston was at his desk in the laboratory one night last week. The other nights he could undoubtedly have been found at some of his numerous theatre parties.

Junior Class attention! A new course is being given in the University, under the name of GEARS. Only three hours a week, laboratory periods at night do not count. Breakage fees are very small. This year the course extends through this semester only, but if sufficient interest is shown it may be given next year.

Mr. Nutt is now acting as NEWS' correspondent for the Chemical Society.

Miss Jones is getting quite a reputation as a cook.

The Junior Editor denies that he is wearing a wig, as was insinuated in an item in the last issue.

Miss Tunstall attended the mid-Lent "hop" at Annapolis, Saturday, March 25th.

It is understood that one of the prominent members of the class, while on a flying visit to New York, recently, stopped off at Vassar College.

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TAMPICO'S INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES.

Tampico (pronounced Tam pé-kó) is a Mexican gulfport in the State of Tamaulipas, on the Panuco River, seven miles from the Gulf of Mexico; population about ten or twelve thousand. It is second only to Vera Cruz as a port, and it is said to be only a question of time when it will attain the leadership. This prophecy is based mainly on the fact that the town is the port-center of what is probably the greatest oil-field development in the world's history. Its "hinderlands" are well cultivated, producing the zapupe and other fibre plants, as well as citrus fruits, bananas, pine-apples, mangoes, and aguacates. Many American colonists in the vicinity are engaged in agricultural pursuits, raising successfully corn, and sugar cane. There are truck gardens of onions, tomatoes, etc. The leading exports of the State through Tampico are fiber, hides, and chicle. Tampico, or rather the entire coast of the State, is noted for its excellent winter climate, by reason of which it has become a resort of sportsmen who delight in tarpon fishing, duck hunting, and kindred pursuits.

The town has freight and coal wharves besides the regular custom wharf—all new and modern and fitted with up-to-date loading and unloading machinery and facilities. The latest evidence of the progressive spirit of the townsmen is seen in the asphalt sidewalks now being laid and the automobiles being introduced, giving a metropolitan appearance to this growing center of commerce. A new railroad is also

being planned for direct connection with Mexico City, and with the United States via Matamoras, Mexico, and Brownsville, Texas.

In a gulfport town of such importance it is to be expected that the work of a consul would be strenuous enough to satisfy a Roosevelt, varied enough to give joy to the youngest youngster craving variety and excitement, and exacting enough to demand the very best of a man's abilities and give him a corresponding opportunity for broad training and for advancement. Ye students of the Department of Political Sciences drop, for a moment, your text-books on "The Consular Service," and listen to a few of the real duties of a real consul.

EXACTING DUTIES OF A CONSUL.

He must familiarize himself with all the resources of his district, indicate openings for trade, make special reports, answer trade inquiries. He must certify invoices of all shipments to the United States, and therefore must know current market values of goods exported. This certification of invoices is a means of preventing the fraudulent undervaluation of imports into the United States and results in the annual saving of millions of dollars in customs revenue. The consul also issues bills of health to vessels and to this end must at all times know the sanitary condition of the port and vessels, especially as regards yellow fever, smallpox, or epidemics of any kind. He has many notarial acts to perform, such as taking affidavits and depositions, acknowledging deeds, etc. The consul, of course, has much office work, correspondence, filing, indexing, and is given one

assistant to aid in this part of his work. Last, but far from least, to use his own naive words, he is expected to "act as a bureau of information."

How much is pictured in that little suggestive clause! How much of important information, vital to the growth of American influence and industry in this our neighbor nation, and then how much of trivial, commonplace, human-sign-post information, must be dispensed with equal graciousness. Every conceivable kind of inquiry is made ranging from whether or not there is an opening in a particular industry for American capital, to why a complaining householder's goods have not arrived. It is this official's privilege (?) and duty to protect and father all Americans in all circumstances from the time of their arrival in his territory to their departure therefrom, either via the ports or the Pearly Gates, the border, or the Great Borderland. He helps colonists to locate, advises them while resident, assists them if arrested, and if they die he may be called upon to notify their relatives, arrange for the funeral, ship the body home or bury it, read the burial service, administer or settle the estate, etc., *ad infinitum*.

Every stranded American who is homesick, every tourist "temporarily out of funds," strays into the office of the American Consul confident of a haven "where poverty ceases from troubling, and the weary are at rest." Says that patient and long-suffering man: "We cannot officially give financial aid, but, if rich enough, can disburse considerable of private means in this way."

Here are two extreme cases of consular duties. Our representative at Tampico has been called upon when an American girl had a spasm in church, while in the same day he has been called upon to perform officially certain duties akin to those of a diplomatic agent, necessitated by the present troublous conditions in Mexico. Regarding the political crisis in that country the consul is very prudently silent.

From all of this intimate first-hand knowledge we can comprehend the true scope of the consul's work and the wide sphere in which he can make his influence count. As an outpost for the commerce of his country, as a guardian against frauds upon our customs revenues, as a guardian likewise against the spread of plagues via shipping, and and as a protector and adviser of resident Americans, the consul stands in an unique position requiring not only special training, but the natural ability to meet with resource and tact the new and delicate situations which constantly present themselves.

The rise of Consul Miller proves that he possesses both the training and the ability, and it likewise demonstrates the truth of our first assertion that his Alma Mater has every reason to be proud of him.

Dental School Notes.

Mr. J. S. Hardester of the Dental Department, quietly slipped away to Baltimore, on March 15, and was married to Miss Darlington, of that city.

At an initiation Saturday, March 10th, the Psi Omega Fraternity initiated the following members: Mr. E. E. Briggs and Mr. Williams. After the goat had finished his work, a suitable banquet was given for the new members.

Chemical Society Notes.

The second in the series of trips to nearby manufacturing and industrial establishments will be made Friday afternoon, April 6th. The Washington Gaslight Company has kindly consented to allow the chemists to visit its plant at Twenty-sixth and G Streets. This promises to be a very instructive and most interesting inspection trip, and all students, whether members of the society or not, are cordially invited to accompany the chemists on this occasion.

Dr. Frank Wigglesworth Clarke, Professor of Mineral Chemistry, and Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley, Professor of Agricultural Chemistry, were elected honorary members of the society and have accepted.

Several of the members of the society had the privilege of hearing the address delivered by Dr. S. A. Arrhenius, of the Nobel laboratory, Stockholm. Taking as his subject "The Atmosphere of the Planets," this distinguished scientist carefully developed the point that only on Venus and Mars does there exist an atmosphere comparable to our own.

Students of chemistry who desire to become members of The American Chemical Society, at club rates, will please see or notify G. P. Walton, or J. N. Taylor.

Needham Society Notes.

The meeting on March 31st was called to order by the vice-president in the absence of the president. The officers for the ensuing term were installed, the new business disposed of, and the question for debate: "Resolved, That the country's best interests would be promoted by extending to women the right of suffrage," was taken up. Mr. Waite and Mr. Dolliver defending the resolution, Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. McMahon against it.

Forthwith there followed most interest and able arguments for and against this, a question of vital interest to all, but especially to the men. The married suffragette was pictured by the negative as one who has been unfortunate in cornering her affinity and is willing to tie herself to a man for whom she has no love—and then nag him for the rest of his mortal life. It was argued that nature herself had created the sexes for different purposes, and in support of this was drawn a picture of "Woman in all her loveliness, making her husband and family happy throughout a long life, scorning the right of suffrage as a thing apart from her existence; depending on the one to whom she looks for everything else, for protection against the tribunals of the country." After much deliberation the judges decided in favor of the negative, with Mr. Waite first honor man, and Mr. Mackenzie second.

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There are still a number of subscribers to THE NEWS who have failed to pay their subscriptions. We have no doubt that their intentions are of the best, but unfortunately that does not help us to pay our creditors. It has been the aim of THE NEWS' staff to present a creditable college paper, and one worth the subscription price. It little behooves us to say to what extent, if any, we have succeeded. This task we leave to the proverbial college critic. To those who feel that they have not gotten their money's worth we would quote the familiar lines from Shakespeare: "If to do were as easy as to know what were good to be done," etc.

But aside from all of this, we are entitled to expect that you will pay your subscription, and we believe that your undoubted intention to do so should be practically carried out without further delay, inasmuch as the academic year is fast drawing to a close. Apropos of unpaid subscriptions the following from a recent issue of *The News Letter* of Johns Hopkins University, is in point:

"We have never obtained any positive knowledge that Heinrich Heine was ever the editor or business manager of a college publication. But the other day in perusing a volume of his poems we came across the following verse, which might well be construed to mean that he also had his struggles with delinquent subscribers:

"Mensch bezahle deine Schulden,
Lang ist ja die Lebensbahn,
Und du mußt noch manchmal borgen,
Wie due es so oft gethan."

To discover the meaning of this delightful little lyric is not so difficult as it may seem. Freely rendered, the upshot of this well rhymed stanza is only this: To establish future credit pay your present debts.

Columbian Debating Society.

With the selection of Mr. C. R. Smith as first honor man, Friday evening, March 31, the quota necessary for conducting the trials for the third Inter-Society Debate was completed. The Needham Society has submitted the income tax question as the proposition to be thrashed out between the two societies. The following men will contest for positions on the team, discussing the proposed fiscal measure on Friday evening, April 6: Messrs. Marcus, Richardson, and Barber, 1st, 2nd and 3rd affirmative respectively, and Messrs. Smith, Owen, and Bowen, in the order named, for the negative.

Built, necessarily, from the nature of the question, on speculation and surmise, the arguments for and against the President's justification in mobilizing troops on the Mexican border, proved highly interesting, if not entirely plausible. Messrs. Smith and Hilton, in their argument for the affirmative, represented that not only were the maneuvers to be held in connection with the concentration to be of great value in the way of training for our soldiers, but that the moral suasion exerted by their proximity to Mexican territory would act as a deterrent upon the Mexicans from committing rash acts. Submitted by the negative, Messrs. Sanborn and Tolbert, were the counter-claims that if the necessity for maneuvers was so urgent, the troops should not have been sent to Texas, in view of the inflammability of the situation across the border; that the movement should be characterized as officious intermeddling upon the part of the U. S. government; that when we were struggling for independence, we would have resented the intervention in behalf of England of outside powers; and that the whole proceeding was susceptible of creating suspicion in the minds of the European governments as to whether it was not an attempt at aggrandizement upon our part. A verdict favorable to the affirmative was brought in, and Messrs. Smith and Tolbert were awarded honors.

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BOOKS NEW AND OLD

THREE NEW PLAYS BY BERNARD SHAW.

IS there any more fascinating reading to be had today than Bernard Shaw's plays and the prefaces to them? One ought to put the prefaces before the plays, perhaps, not merely because they come that way, but because as Shaw goes on, his prefaces grow longer and relatively more important, while the plays tend to become mere pendants to the prefaces.

This is illustrated in the latest volume of Shaw's work, just published by Brentano's, which contains three plays, "The Doctor's Dilemma," "Getting Married," and "The Shewing-up of Blanco Posnet." The prefaces to the first two occupy 86 pages each and the plays respectively 113 and 112 pages. The preface to the third play is 83 pages long while the play itself fills only 36 pages.

In his "Preface on Doctors," Shaw vigorously attacks the medical profession as it is today. The rank and file of doctors, he asserts, are not merely unscientific but even ignorant, practicing by guesswork and curing by luck, when they do cure, while at the same time they keep up a pretense of exceptional learning and skill which is mere humbug. The particulars of the impeachment may be indicated by some of the sub-heads of the preface: "Doubtful Character borne by the Medical Profession," "Why Doctors do not Differ," "The Craze for Operations," "Credulity and Chloroform," "The Perils of Inoculation."

At the same time Shaw does not blame the individual doctor. He lays the trouble upon the back of that general scapegoat of today—economic necessity—and his remedy for it, as might be supposed, is to socialize the medical profession, or (to drop the socialistic lingo) to make the physician a public officer and pay him a living salary.

The "Preface on Doctors" ends with fourteen items of "conclusions" by way of advice to the public, two of which may be quoted:

"Do not try to live forever. You will not succeed."

"Use your health, even to the point of

wearing it out. That is what it is for. Spend all you have before you die and do not outlive yourself."

The play brings together six doctors of various types. Shaw has not been unfair. All six medical men are good fellows; one of them is a genuine man of science. Three, or perhaps four, might be safely trusted with a patient's life. Of the remaining two, one is a surgeon with a fad for a special kind of operation; the other a fatuous ass, with an imposing manner and a soft heart, whose attempted "quotation" of Shakespeare over the corpse of a patient furnishes a fair criterion of the accuracy of his knowledge generally:

"Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow
After life's fitful fever they sleep well
And like that insubstantial bourne from
which
No traveller returns
Leave not a wrack behind."

The "dilemma" from which the play takes its title is this: Two men are dying of consumption. One of them is a poor, honest, kind, and stupid medical man. The other is a young artist of unrecognized genius, without a scrap of honor or decency. The physician of the play who is also the genuine scientist knows that, by a newly discovered treatment, he can save the life of one of these two, but only one. His time and strength will not serve for both. Add, to complicate the situation, that the poor man is a friend of early days and that the doctor knows he is falling in love with the wife of the young artist, who idealizes her husband and is all unconscious of his rascality. Which life shall be saved? The doctor makes his decision. The reader must go to the play to learn what it is.

From the preface to "The Shewing-up of Blanco Posnet," we learn that although "this little play is really a religious tract in dramatic form," the British censorship refused to allow its performance in England, because it was said to be blasphemous. This circumstance gives Shaw the opportunity to uncork the phials of his wrath upon the censorship and to give some account of the proceedings before a Parliamentary Committee which met in 1909 to consider the censorship reform. The account includes a statement which Mr. Shaw was

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ALUMNI NOTES.

Alumni Banquet at Rauscher's.

Plans have now been completed for the annual Alumni banquet, to be given at Rauscher's, on Saturday, April the 8th, at 7.00 p. m. Preceding the banquet there will be a reception. About 3,900 circulars have been sent out both to the local Alumni and to those who are elsewhere. From all indications the affair will be a great success. There will of course be the usual after-dinner speeches by prominent Alumni. President Stockton will make an address telling "in his plain, forceful, and modest way" what has been accomplished in preserving the University, and how this has been made possible. For those who might perhaps think that the occasion would be taken advantage of for the purpose of raising subscriptions for the University, the circulars contain the following statement: "No appeal for subscriptions will be made, but your presence will be a help and inspiration to him (Admiral Stockton), to his fellow workers, to the student body, and to all who in years gone by, drank from the fount of learning at dear old Columbian."

Along with the circulars announcing the annual banquet are sent ballots for the election of Alumni trustees. The Executive Committee of the Alumni has suggested the names of the following Alumni as candidates for this honor:

J. Holdsworth Gordon, A. B. 1866; A. M. 1869; LL. B. 1869. Alexander T. Stuart, Ph. B. 1869; A. M. 1904. William H. Singleton, A. B. 1875. Harry C. Davis, A. B. 1878; A. M. 1881; L. H. D. 1894. John B. Lerner, LL. B. 1879; LL. D. 1904. Mason N. Richardson, A. M. 1883; LL. B. 1884. Myer, Cohen, LL. B. 1886; LL. M. 1887.

It is provided by the "Regulations for the nomination of Alumni Trustees of the George Washington University," adopted by the Board of Trustees last January, that no one shall be eligible for election as an Alumni Trustee except a graduate of the University of not less than ten years' standing. Only those of the Alumni who are holders of a degree of not less than three years' standing, who are members of the general Alumni Association, or who pay an annual fee of one dollar to the general Alumni Association are entitled to vote in the recommendation of Alumni Trustees. Each qualified voter is entitled to vote for two of the above named candidates or for any other qualified Alumni. A final ballot containing the names of the four candidates who receive the largest number of votes will be sent out on May the 1st. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on this final ballot will be recommended to the Board of Trustees for election to membership.

Last year the election resulted in the nomination of John Joy Edson and Augustus S. Worthington, who were elected to membership on the Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 7, 1910.

The list of names suggested by the Executive Committee this year, includes the names of men of considerable prominence.

Mr. Gordon is a well known local attorney. For several years he was President of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia. In this capacity he acquired valuable experience along educational lines.

Mr. Stuart is the popular superintendent of the local public schools. After graduating from College, Mr. Stuart entered the public schools as teacher, and was placed in charge of the Seventh Grade in the Franklin School building. He left the school system in 1875 to accept the position of secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of which General O. O. Howard was then president. Later he again entered the school service, becoming, in 1877, supervising principal of the Third Division on Capitol Hill. In 1890 he was made superintendent of the local schools, succeeding the late W. B. Powell.

Mr. Singleton is one of the leading patent attorneys of this city. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the University since last year. He is prominent in Episcopalian circles.

Mr. Davis will be remembered as the secretary of the University last year. He was tutor and assistant professor in the College for a long time. For twenty-five years he was principal of the Wilkes Barre Academy.

Mr. Lerner is a well known local lawyer. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in May, 1879, three months before becoming of age, receiving a prize for an essay on The Law of Mortgages. Mr. Lerner's specialty has been the law of private corporations. It was under his counsel that the Washington Loan & Trust Company, the first trust company in the District, was organized. Mr. Lerner is a director of a number of local banking associations. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the University since 1899, and ranks third in point of service among the members of the Board. He is the author of Alexander Dumas' Life of Napoleon, a work never before published in English.

Mr. Richardson has a large general law practice in the city. He is the brother of Dr. Charles W. Richardson, one of the best known of the local practicing physicians, who was a Trustee of the University for a number of years.

Mr. Cohen is a member of the law firm of Wolf & Cohen. He is interested in many of the financial and benevolent organizations of the city.

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CREDIT FOR DEBATING WORK*Continued from page one.*

In previous issues of your publication there have appeared two separate schemes for reviving student activities in general. One of those schemes seems peculiarly adaptable to debating, namely the plan of giving University credit for work in all student activities. Inasmuch as debating is really an educational subject, such credit might be given for debating work without any impairment, either real or apparent, of present scholastic standards.

TWO IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS.

Of course, the whole matter rests with the University officials. It is not my purpose to dictate in any sense what our educational policies should be. But there are two things in particular that I want to suggest. One is that other universities are now giving credit for debating work, for example: Syracuse, Columbia, as I note from the editorial in your last issue, and Michigan, too, I believe. There is thus plenty of precedent. The other suggestion that I want to make is that it is not necessary for the University to adopt the scheme of giving credit generally for all student activities, or for none at all. If other forms of student activity are of such a character as not to warrant granting credit to those who engage in them, that surely is no reason why credit should not be given for debating work.

"Jones is fast going to the dogs."
"I'm very sorry to hear that. I'm extremely fond of dogs."

BOOKS NEW AND OLD*Continued from page four*

not permitted to read before the Committee. Needless to say, it is well worth reading.

As to the play, it is indeed a religious tract, being the expression in dramatic form of Shaw's peculiar religious belief, which he explained from the pulpit of Dr. Campbell's church in London a year or two ago. Quite crudely put it is this: God means well but he doesn't know any better. God is pure will, without intellect, or rather, the human intellect is the mind of God. The struggle of the Divine Will to accomplish or express itself has resulted in humanity, with all its imperfections and also with all its possibilities of improvement. Consequently, when we pray: Thy will be done, the logical thing is for us to see that it is done, by going out and doing it, as well as we know how, for it cannot get itself done without us.

I intended to say something about the third play, "Getting Married," but my space is more than filled. Perhaps it is just as well. Shaw says, "There is no subject on which more dangerous nonsense is talked and thought than marriage."

LUPUS.

"What animal," asked the teacher of a class in natural history, "makes the nearest approach to man?"

"The flea," timidly ventured the little boy with the curly hair.

Letters of a College Professor to His Niece.

IX.

MY DEAR GEORGIANA:—
Your explanations as to the reasons for your visit to your friend, Miss Macon, were quite satisfactory, and Sidney has been devoting so much of his time to her of late that I am quite indisposed to blame you for any of his recent lapses from friendly grace. In view of the failing interest in him which you express you will be glad to hear that he appears quite satisfied with his present lot.

I had an interesting encounter today—I missed my spectacles, and coming to the conclusion that I must have dropped them in chapel, I crossed the campus this afternoon to look for them. If you remember the chapel you will recollect that it is a sombre, high-ceilinged room, with great gothic windows behind the dean's chair, while carved armchairs range along one wall at right angles to the benches. They are for the faculty, of course. I was moving down the aisle with my head bent in search of the missing spectacles, when a sudden movement caught my attention, and as I glanced hastily at the armchairs a tall figure rose from one of them.

"May I help you, if you have lost anything?" said a voice, very quiet, but somehow vaguely familiar. It held in it something of the quality of Sidney's voice, a tone that has always bothered me with its elusive suggestion of something that I have known, and lost, and yet it bespoke a man older, stronger, more mellow, if I could so describe the timber of his voice.

I thanked him and we sought those wretched spectacles together. It seems that he is a graduate of the college of four or five years ago. Since then he has knocked about the world—"met all kinds—done pretty much all things," as he expressed it, and happening to be near the old school, he came back to look at it. It's a queer thing how it seems to draw them, this place where they changed from boys into men. It seems to have a kind of sentimental fascination for them that brings them back sooner or later, to the university that they used to be so glad to escape from for even a little while. This man is a civil engineer on some big job in Argentina, and one of the most interesting conversationalists that I have met for some time. He has a delightfully whimsical, yet forceful way of making things clear to one, that would be invaluable to a public speaker. However, I do not even know his name, for as he did not volunteer it I could not well ask it, and when my spectacle-case was finally found it was so nearly time for my 5:40 class that I had time only to express a hope of seeing him again.

That, by the way, has been one of the things about this life at which I have fretted the most. I refer to the numbers of interesting people whom one meets, and loses sight of before one has the chance

to explore them further. But it may be true, as Emerson says, that if we knew them better, much of the glamour would be lost in the too clear realization of detracting details. And even one encounter of them, when they give you, perhaps, their best, adds much to the richness of our life's experience.

But forget not that much of the richness of my life depends on your affection for your old uncle, and its manifestation in letters.

Your uncle,

GEORGE RANKIN.

Rev. Douglas Speaks in Chapel.

The Rev. Lloyd Douglas, of the Luther Memorial Church, spoke in chapel on March 30th. Rev. Douglas took as his theme "The evolution of a creed, or rather, the evolution of the creed of a particular man." The particular man to whom the theme related, was the blind beggar mentioned in the ninth chapter of St. John, who was miraculously cured of his blindness by Christ. The speaker related the narrative of this man's conversion, injecting into it a good deal of human interest. He showed how this man's conception of the manner in which he was cured gradually simmered down to these few words, "Whereas I was blind, now I see." This statement of the blind beggar made to see, he said, contained in substance the final test of the utility of Christ, "What can Christianity do for mankind?"

Faculty Changes and Appointments.

D. Kerfoot Shute, A. M., M. D., now Professor of Anatomy, Emeritus, to be Professor of Neuro-Anatomy.

Frank Leech, M. D., to be Clinical Associate in Pediatrics.

W. Cobell Moore, M. D., Attending Physician in the University Dispensary, to be Instructor in Anatomy.

H. H. Donnally, A. M., M. D., Associate in Medicine, to be Associate in Medicine and Clinical Associate in Pediatrics.

George W. Calver, a third-year student in the Medical Department, has been appointed student assistant in Chemical Laboratory.

In a little triangular space on Connecticut avenue, in Washington, there is a handsome statue of the poet Longfellow. A young society girl of the city was riding past it in an automobile with a friend soon after it had been unveiled.

"Why, what statue is that?" she asked.

"Longfellow's," replied the older woman.

"Oh, I don't see what they wanted to put a statue of him there for," objected the girl. "All he ever did was to marry Roosevelt's daughter."
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BANQUET PLANS WELL UNDER WAY

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also make a few remarks. University songs and University cheers will be given under the able leadership of Mr. Keats, and University spirit will flow in profusion. A program of fun and jollity, which the committee will not yet divulge, is also on the list.

WHERE TICKETS MAY BE HAD.

Every male student of George Washington University is most earnestly and emphatically urged to attend and to get his ticket soon. The committee in charge are anxious to know how many students can be counted upon, that they may make their preparations accordingly. Tickets are being sold in the departments and at the Central Y. M. C. A., or may be obtained at the Y. M. C. A. room, 1528 I Street N. W. For Arts and Sciences, see Smith, Maxson, or Redfield; for Engineering, see Allen; for Law, see Seiler; for Medicine, see Stout.

Senior Pharmacy Notes.

AND Lindley Roy gave that fellow 50 grains of aloin. Wonder what became of the patient.

Observed that Carl Snyder wore a green tie March 17th.

There is a good chance to form a "Pop" Club in the class. For instance, "Pop" Beeson, "Pop" Whitebread, "Pop" Thompson, etc.

Observed also that Frank Marsder had a creme-de-menthe on St. Patrick's Day.

Something new in chemistry. Ralph Feller has found that animal charcoal oxidizes tannic acid into gallic acid.

Suggested Chemistry Questions.

Here are some interesting Chemical questions which Dr. Munroe might ask the Chemistry Class in the next examination:

Where did the indigo?
What did the residue?
Did you know that iodide?
When are they going to barium?
Did you ever see fluor spar?
How far did the fluoride?
Just as far as the electrode?
Look what the sulphate!
The carbonate more.
What did bromine?
Who let chlorin?
Was the nitrite? (Knight right).
No one knows how much anode.
Did you ever travel on the alkaline?
We must keep an ion it.
—H. G. B.

Professor—Mr. Blank, will you please give the facts in the next case?

Student—Sorry, I do not have any more.

Student, (addressing the Professor)—Why is it that we skipped the sewer cases?

Professor—Because it would take too long to go through them.

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Teachers College Notes.

The Senior Class feels the loss of Miss Helen Gilliss, whose physician has ordered her to drop much of the college work that she had planned for this semester. It is indeed unfortunate that such a disappointment should come to Miss Gilliss and her many friends at this time. Miss Gilliss had been honored with the vice-presidency of the Senior Class.

The translation of Eucken's "Problem of Human Life," by Dean Hough and Professor Gibson, has been so successful that the publishers have decided to issue it, in the autumn, in a popular edition. Four editions of this work were issued within a year from the date of its publication.

Rumor has it that two well known teachers of our College are to enter upon the joys of wedlock before the roses bloom in June. Cheer up, teachers, there is yet hope for all of us!!! Our hearts never become so callous as to be entirely unsusceptible to Cupid's darts. If you hear of any more news along this line, do tell us about it. It is the ambition of your College scribe to "write up" at least one wedding before he shall have laid down his pen in June.

An inter-university society having for its object the discussion of problems in philosophy and pure psychology has recently been organized by professors of George Washington, Johns Hopkins, University of Virginia, Richmond College, and the Catholic University. Dean Hough, Dr. Ruediger, and Professor Franz attended the meeting of the society held in Baltimore last Saturday. The philosophical section and the psychological section held separate sessions in the morning, and there was a joint session in the afternoon. Dean Hough presented a paper on "The New Realism" as a basis for discussion in the philosophical section. A paper on "The Problem of the Extension of Sensation," was presented in the psychological section by Dr. Ruediger.

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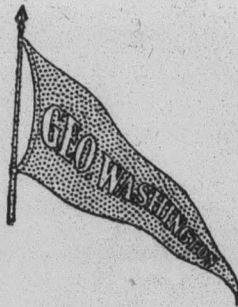
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Fraternity Notes.

On Saturday the 25th the members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon initiated Messrs. David Edward Finley, Jr., Edward Joseph McLaughlin, and George Burton Buck. After the ceremony was over, all went to the dining-room, where a banquet awaited the new members and the old Alumni, who had gathered at the chapter house. Some interesting speeches were heard.

The recent death of Mr. Duncan McCrae came as a distinct shock to his many friends in the University. Mr. McCrae was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Though not a student in the University, he had a large circle of friends here, especially in the fraternity world, who one and all regret his untimely death.

Alpha Nu Chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity gave a very enjoyable dance at the chapter house, 1843 Vernon Street, on Friday, March 17th. The decorations and programs were in green, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presence of several brothers from distant chapters of the fraternity.

Lambda Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa held a grand farewell smoker to Donald H. McLean, Lambda, '06, a member of the Grand Council, at the chapter house at 1717 S Street N. W., on the evening of the 18th instant. The smoker was attended by all of the active chapter and by many of the Alumni and visiting brothers. Brother Thomas V. Sullivan, Lambda, '00, presided at a short meeting held after the festivities had subsided, when General Medorem Crawford made a short address, followed by remarks by a number of brothers who spoke

about the wide spreading influence of Brother McLean upon their respective chapters, lauded his good work, wished him God speed and success in his new undertaking, and predicted a brilliant future for him. Brother McLean made a very interesting farewell speech, expressing his sincere regret that the time had come when he must sever the many ties of friendship formed in the chapter house, and very fittingly expressed his parting sentiments in Burn's poem of Glen Cairn. Brother McLean leaves the city to practise law in Elizabeth, New Jersey, with Senator Kean, under the firm name of Kean & McLean. The Metropolitan quartette rendered several excellent selections.

The annual banquet of the District of Columbia Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was held at the Shoreham Hotel, on March 25, 1911. The local Alumni and several members from eight other chapters were present. A special feature of the banquet was the installation of officers for the ensuing year. After this ceremony, William L. Phillips, grand secretary of the fraternity, and Chas. F. Yancey, grand historian, spoke on the progress and achievements of Sigma Phi Epsilon. William C. VanVleck acted as toastmaster and introduced the following speakers: "Sigma Phi Epsilon," William F. Phillips; "An Arkansas Traveler," S. W. Rogers; "D. C. Alpha," A. L. Barber; "Bucking Broncos," E. C. Coumbe; "The University," J. Frank Seiler; "A Few Jokes," Willis J. Plummer; "Sigma Phi Epsilon History," Chas. F. Yancey; "A Duet," W. L. Deal and J. P. Reavis, and "Our Youngest Sons," Dr. Harry W. Houghton.

Son of Athens, Ere You Shine.

Son of Athens, ere you shine
These bespattered shoes of mine,
Let me on your mind impress,
With the utmost earnestness,
This, my warning orthodox:
Keep the polish off my socks!

By the gods in heav'n above,
By the burning Sappho's love;
By the blood of Scio's vine,
By Anacreon's song divine;
By Parnassus' well-known rocks,
Keep the polish off my socks!

Son of Athens, hear my vow—
There will be one Helva row.
Take it even now from me,
It will beat Thermopylae.
So, if you'd escape some shocks,
Keep the polish off my socks!

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